

Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
decision to force  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
documentary days  
before the election  
is a clear and  
obvious example of  
the failures of  
media consolidation.

Sinclair is using  
the public airwaves  
free of charge, and  
is obligated by law  
to serve the public  
interest. But when a  
company forces its  
affiliates to show  
politically  
partisan programming  
that makes dubious  
and misleading  
statements  
concerning a  
presidential  
candidate, under the  
guise of "news" I  
fail to see where  
the public's  
interest is served.  
And democracy  
itself is undermined  
in the end. I  
object that the FCC  
refuses to do  
anything about it.

Sinclair's actions  
show why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than a returned  
postcard. Thank you.